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SUBJECT: GSP PRODUCTS AND COMPETITIVE NEED

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1. HONDURAN EXPORTS OF TSUS 152.72 (BANANA AND PLANTAIN
PASTE AND PULP) TO US DURING 1977 WERE 1.1 MILLION
DOLLARS OR 37 PERCENT OF TOTAL US IMPORTS OF THIS ITEM.
TSUS 152.72 FROM HONDURAS WAS CONSEQUENTLY REDESIGNATED
AS ELIGIBLE FOR DUTY-FREE TREATMENT FOR PERIOD
MARCH 1, 1978 - MARCH 1, 1979.

2. AS MENTIONED IN REF A AND C, TRADE POLICY STAFF
COMMITTEE CONSIDERED 4 ITEMS OF INTEREST TO GOVERNMENT
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OF HONDURAS WHICH HAD BEEN PETITIONED FOR BY OTHER
PETITIONERS. THESE ITEMS WERE TSUS 147.31 - ORANGES
(PARAGUAY); 148.15 CANTALOUPE (UNITED BRANDS);
206.85 - TOOTHPICKS (YACAMAN INDUSTRIAL-HONDURAS)
AND 206.87 - OTHER WOOD STICKS (BRAZIL, CHILE,
YACAMAN INDUSTRIAL AND PROCESADORA NACIONAL DE MADERA).

3. DISPOSITION OF THE FOUR PETITIONS OUTLINED ABOVE
WAS AS FOLLOWS: TSUS 148.15 (CANTALOUPE) WAS
SUPERCEDED BY TSUS 148.12 AND 148.13 AND 148.12
(CANTALOUPE IF ENTERED DURING PERIOD DECEMBER 1 -
MARCH 31) WAS ADDED TO GSP. PETITION REQUESTING
GSP FOR TSUS 147.31 WAS DENIED ON THE GROUND THAT
ORANGES WERE IMPORT SENSITIVE WITHIN THE CONTEXT
OF GSP. ON TSUS 206.85 AND TSUS 206.87, THESE
PETITIONS WERE ALSO DENIED ON THE GROUNDS THAT
THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SERIOUS ADVERSE HARM TO THE
DOMESTIC INDUSTRY WHICH IS LOCATED IN ECONOMICALLY
DEPRESSED AREAS OF THE US IF THESE ITEMS HAD BEEN
ADDED TO GSP. VANCE

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